

DIOCESE OF GLASGOW and GALLOWAY
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scottish Charity no SC013925

*Outline of the **BISHOP'S STAFF GROUP** meeting held on 9th June 2009*

Present: The Bishop, the Dean, the Provost, Diocesan Treasurer, Diocesan Secretary

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| Vacancies: | Bearsden/Milngavie | Revd Kirstin Freeman to be instituted in September. |
| | East Kilbride | One expression of interest already |
| | King's Park | Dean meeting Vestry early July |
| | Port Glasgow | One or possibly two candidates to be considered |
| | Airdrie | Dean has met Vestry. Profiling in hand |
| | Cumbernauld | Revd Barnabas Ogugo to be appointed part-time. |

Personnel: Mr Richard Horrell had been appointed Provincial Faith & Order Lay Rep pro tem until the next annual Diocesan Synod.

Ministry & Mission

Special Evensong for the Bishop's retirement to be held at the Cathedral at 6.30 pm on 19th July.

Action Network Conveners meeting on 18th June.

Revd Dr Ann Tomlinson attended for a quarterly review of her appointment as Ministry Development Officer. The Bishop commended her for her dedicated and effective work, and assured her that the Staff Group was aware of the unexpected demands being put upon her. It was agreed that the Treasurer would make provision in the budget, initially for one year but subsequently on a 3-year basis, for a training fund for clergy, which could be drawn on subject to approval of declared learning aims. The first year's uptake will be analysed to determine whether it is hitting the target (primarily stipendiary clergy), whether it needs to be promoted in a different way, and whether the budget is correct.

The revised version of the MDR booklet was approved for distribution.

The next review to take place on 8th September.

Property

The Disabled access questionnaire has been sent out.

Cathedral Church of St Mary: Damp appears to be progressing.

St Bartholomew, Gourrock: Rectory now sold.

St Ninian, Pollokshields: Drain and gas pipe repair complete, rebuilding stone arch beginning.

Merryvale Avenue: Property to be sold.

Knightswood Rectory: Until the future of the building has been decided it was agreed that the minimum to be done to make building watertight and add some ventilation.

Piedmont Road: land to be sold, marketing report awaited.

Canon 35 Applications:

St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs: Temporary kitchen, agreed.

St Serf, Shettleston: removal of chimney, agreed.

Christ Church, Lanark: Agreed consent for Altar to be issued once consultation has been done.

Finance: Consideration was being given to how diocesan needs might be met during the two-year moratorium on provincial grant applications.

A grant of £2,000 had been made to Waverley Care

Milngavie rectory: the net result of selling, buying, and paying fees was that the Diocese "owed" them £306. This is to be made up to £2,500 in place of the funding agreed by Diocesan Council

Administration

Special Diocesan Synod: Plans in hand, papers sent out, no nominations for the preparatory Committee to date.

Diocesan arms: Being prepared. A suitable electronic copy to be obtained in due course

Diocesan website: Report from Mr Kennedy Fraser was noted, who will report to August meeting.

Gib FitzGibbon**Diocesan Secretary**